

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on January 31, 2006.

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application. Claims 7-10 were allowed and claims 1-6, 11, and 12 stand rejected. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner, Joseph A. Kaufman, for the Personal Interview conducted on March 7, 2006 with Applicants' representatives, David W. Dorton and Charles J. Brauch. During the interview Examiner Kaufman agreed that changing the "may be" language in claim 1 to more positively recite the alignment would be given favorable consideration pending an update of the search and the submission of this after-final amendment. In addition, Examiner Kaufman agreed that this language appears to overcome the currently applied reference, U.S. Patent No. 3,066,874. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the "may be" language as requested. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable over the references of record and therefore a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

In the event that any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe fees are dues in connection with filing this communication. If, however, any fees are necessary as a result of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

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